

**METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING COMPOSITE CONTAINERS
WITH IDENTIFYING INDICIA**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 An apparatus for confining commodities in con-
2 tainers each of which consists of several components.
3 The commodities are advanced along an elongated path
4 past a series of stations where the components of the
5 containers are draped around successive commodities.
6 At least some of the components are provided with cha-
7 racteristic indicia, and a control circuit processes
8 the indicia into information which is encoded upon the
9 finished containers. Such information is decoded, when
10 necessary, to ascertain the genuineness or lack of genu-
11 ineness of the commodities, for example, the identity
12 of the maker and packer of cigarettes in cigarette
13 packs.

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